

IN THE CLAIMS

Please cancel claims 2 to 12 in the parent application.

Please amend claim 1 as follows:

1. (CURRENTLY AMENDED) A golf ball comprising a solid core and a cover enclosing said core, wherein said cover comprises:

from less than 25 to about 10 percent by weight of at least one hard ionomer which is a sodium, zinc, magnesium or lithium salt of the copolymer of an olefin having from 2 to 8 carbon atoms and an unsaturated monocarboxylic acid having from 3 to 8 carbon atoms, wherein said hard ionomer has a hardness greater than 50 on the Shore D scale and a flexural modulus of from about 15,000 to about 70,000 psi; and,

from greater than 75 to about 90 percent by weight of ~~at least one soft ionomer~~ two or more soft ionomers, each of which is a sodium or zinc salt of a terpolymer of an olefin having 2 to 8 carbon atoms, acrylic acid, and an unsaturated monomer of the acrylate ester class having from 2 to 22 carbon atoms, wherein said soft ionomer has a hardness from about 20 to about 40 on the Shore D scale and a flexural modulus of from about 2,000 to 10,000 psi.

2-12. (CANCELED)

Please add new claims 13 to 30 as follows:

13. (NEW) The golf ball of claim 1 wherein the solid core comprises polybutadiene.

14. (NEW) The golf ball of claim 13 wherein the solid core further comprises a fatty acid.

15. (NEW) The golf ball of claim 1, wherein the at least one hard ionomer comprises a blend of two or more hard ionomers.

16. (NEW) The golf ball of claim 15, wherein the blend of two or more hard ionomers comprises at least one hard ionomer that is a sodium salt of the copolymer of an olefin having from 2 to 8 carbon atoms and an unsaturated monocarboxylic acid having from 3 to 8 carbon

atoms and at least one hard ionomer that is a zinc salt of the copolymer of an olefin having from 2 to 8 carbon atoms and an unsaturated monocarboxylic acid having from 3 to 8 carbon atoms.

17. (NEW) A golf ball comprising a solid core and a cover enclosing said core, wherein said cover comprises:

from less than 25 to about 10 percent by weight of two or more hard ionomers, each of which is a sodium, zinc, magnesium or lithium salt of the copolymer of an olefin having from 2 to 8 carbon atoms and an unsaturated monocarboxylic acid having from 3 to 8 carbon atoms, wherein said hard ionomer has a hardness greater than 50 on the Shore D scale and a flexural modulus of from about 15,000 to about 70,000 psi; and,

from greater than 75 to about 90 percent by weight of two or more hard ionomers, each of which is a sodium or zinc salt of a terpolymer of an olefin having 2 to 8 carbon atoms, acrylic acid, and an unsaturated monomer of the acrylate ester class having from 2 to 22 carbon atoms, wherein said soft ionomer has a hardness from about 20 to about 40 on the Shore D scale and a flexural modulus of from about 2,000 to 10,000 psi.

18. (NEW) The golf ball of claim 17 wherein the solid core comprises polybutadiene.

19. (NEW) The golf ball of claim 18 wherein the solid core further comprises a metal salt of an α , β ethylenically unsaturated carboxylic acid.

20. (NEW) The golf ball of claim 18 wherein the polybutadiene is a high cis-content polybutadiene.

21. (NEW) The golf ball of claim 18 wherein the solid core further comprises a metal oxide.

22. (NEW) The golf ball of claim 18 wherein the solid core further comprises a fatty acid.

23. (NEW) A golf ball comprising a solid core and a cover enclosing said core, wherein said cover comprises:

from less than 25 to about 10 percent by weight of two or more hard ionomers, each of which is a sodium, zinc, magnesium or lithium salt of the copolymer of an olefin having from 2 to 8 carbon atoms and an unsaturated monocarboxylic acid having from 3 to 8 carbon atoms, wherein said hard ionomer has a hardness greater than 50 on the Shore D scale and a flexural modulus of from about 15,000 to about 70,000 psi; and,

from greater than 75 to about 90 percent by weight of at least one soft ionomer which is a sodium or zinc salt of a terpolymer of an olefin having 2 to 8 carbon atoms, acrylic acid, and an unsaturated monomer of the acrylate ester class having from 2 to 22 carbon atoms, wherein said soft ionomer has a hardness from about 20 to about 40 on the Shore D scale and a flexural modulus of from about 2,000 to 10,000 psi.

24. (NEW) The golf ball of claim 23, wherein at least one of the hard ionomers is a sodium salt of the copolymer of an olefin having from 2 to 8 carbon atoms and an unsaturated monocarboxylic acid having from 3 to 8 carbon atoms.

25. (NEW) The golf ball of claim 23, wherein at least one of the hard ionomers is a zinc salt of the copolymer of an olefin having from 2 to 8 carbon atoms and an unsaturated monocarboxylic acid having from 3 to 8 carbon atoms.

26. (NEW) The golf ball of claim 23, wherein the at least one soft ionomer comprises a blend of two or more soft ionomers.

27. (NEW) The golf ball of claim 23 wherein the solid core comprises polybutadiene.

28. (NEW) The golf ball of claim 27 wherein the solid core further comprises a fatty acid.

29. (NEW) The golf ball of claim 27 wherein the solid core further comprises a metal oxide.

30. (NEW) The golf ball of claim 27 wherein the solid core further comprises a metal salt of an α , β ethylenically unsaturated carboxylic acid.